



THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
Office of General Counsel

September 4, 2012

Ms. Amanda Crawford, Chief  
Open Records Division  
Office of the Attorney General  
P.O. Box 12548  
Austin, TX 78711-2548

Re: Request for a Decision regarding a Public Information Request from Brandon Wieber to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (CC-12-063)

Dear Ms. Crawford:

On August 20, 2012, Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) received from Brandon Wieber the public information request enclosed as Exhibit A.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Wieber seeks information as follows:

1. any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UASs (hereinafter "drones"), as well as research services or other services related to drones;
2. any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on use of drones, including on the legal process required (such as a warrant or court order), if any, before operating a drone;
3. any records concerning this organization's use of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including:
  - a. the types of investigations or instances in which this university is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage or oversee the usage of drones by another university or office;
  - b. policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on storage requirements or procedures for video or static images obtained through use of drones, including retention times;
  - c. the altitude at which drones can or do fly;
  - d. drones' ability to carry weapons.

At this time, TAMU-CC is in the process of locating and gathering the requested information. We believe certain of the records that respond to this request may include information subject to

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<sup>1</sup> The business offices of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi were closed Monday, September 3, 2012, in observance of Labor Day by order of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System. The offices reopened today, September 4, 2012, making today the 10<sup>th</sup> business day after TAMU-CC's receipt of the request. The 15<sup>th</sup> business day after the receipt of the request will fall on September 11, 2012.

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exception from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, Government Code, Chapter 552 (the Act), sections 552.101 through 552.151, including but not limited to sections 552.101 and 552.110. Accordingly, we request a decision regarding this matter.

In accordance with section 552.301(e) of the Act, we will submit not later than September 11, 2012, the 15<sup>th</sup> business day after the receipt of Mr. Wieber's request, a labeled copy of the requested information, or representative samples thereof, along with written comments stating the reasons the stated exceptions would allow all or part of the requested information to be withheld from disclosure.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Brooks Moore', is written over the printed name.

R. Brooks Moore

Managing Counsel, Governance

Enclosure

cc: Brandon Wieber  
[1748-37128337@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:1748-37128337@requests.muckrock.com)

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Subject: Follow up to Freedom of Information Request: Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi Drone Documents

August 19, 2012

Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi  
Office of Marketing and Communications  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5726  
Corpus Christi, TX 78412-5726

This is a follow up to a previous request:

Hi,

I wanted to re-submit the following request properly. Thanks for your assistance!  
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On Aug. 16, 2012:

Mr. Wieber:

The Texas Public Information Act requires that faxed or e-mailed requests be sent directly to the Public Information Officer or designee. Please submit your request for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi records directly to [open.records@tamucc.edu](mailto:open.records@tamucc.edu). You may copy me with same, and immediately upon receipt, I will begin to process your request.

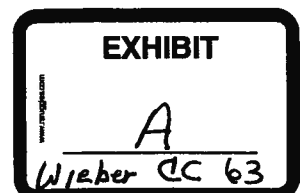
If you prefer, the request may be submitted via fax (361/825-2620) or mail (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Communications and Public Affairs, 6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5726, Corpus Christi, TX 78412-5726). I apologize in advance for any inconvenience. Thanks,  
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On Aug. 16, 2012:

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act , I hereby request the following records:

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I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Brandon Wieber

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